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Junta Reaffirms Vow to Change Chilean System

Chile's armed forces and police have strongly reiterated their determination to recast Chile's political, economic, and social systems before turning the country back to civilian rule.

In speeches and documents marking their six months in control, the military and police have called for the creation of a "social democracy" free of the perils of the past.

The military leaders say they want to avoid relying on any organized political group. They will try to create a base of popular support through a

highly structured chain of command extending from the junta to neighborhood councils.

Junta President Pinochet told the regime sympathizers with the low-income groups that are bearing the brunt of the economic recovery program, but declared that further privations lie ahead. He said that this generation of workers will "reap the fruits of these sacrifices." He also noted that new taxes will spread the burden more evenly and warned that drastic punishment will be imposed for violations of economic regulations.

Former president Eduardo Frei was not present to hear Pinochet's speech. He had planned to attend

but changed his mind following publication of the government's paper on social development, which has passages strongly attacking Frei's Christian Democratic Party.

Frei was not appeased by Pinochet's private explanation that this part of the document was leaked by some of the regime's most conservative civilian advisers. Pinochet turned down Frei's request for a public disavowal, but yesterday the press stated that the publication did not emanate from the junta and its release was unauthorized.

The public disclaimer seems to represent a significant protest toward the Christian Democrats on the part of the junta.

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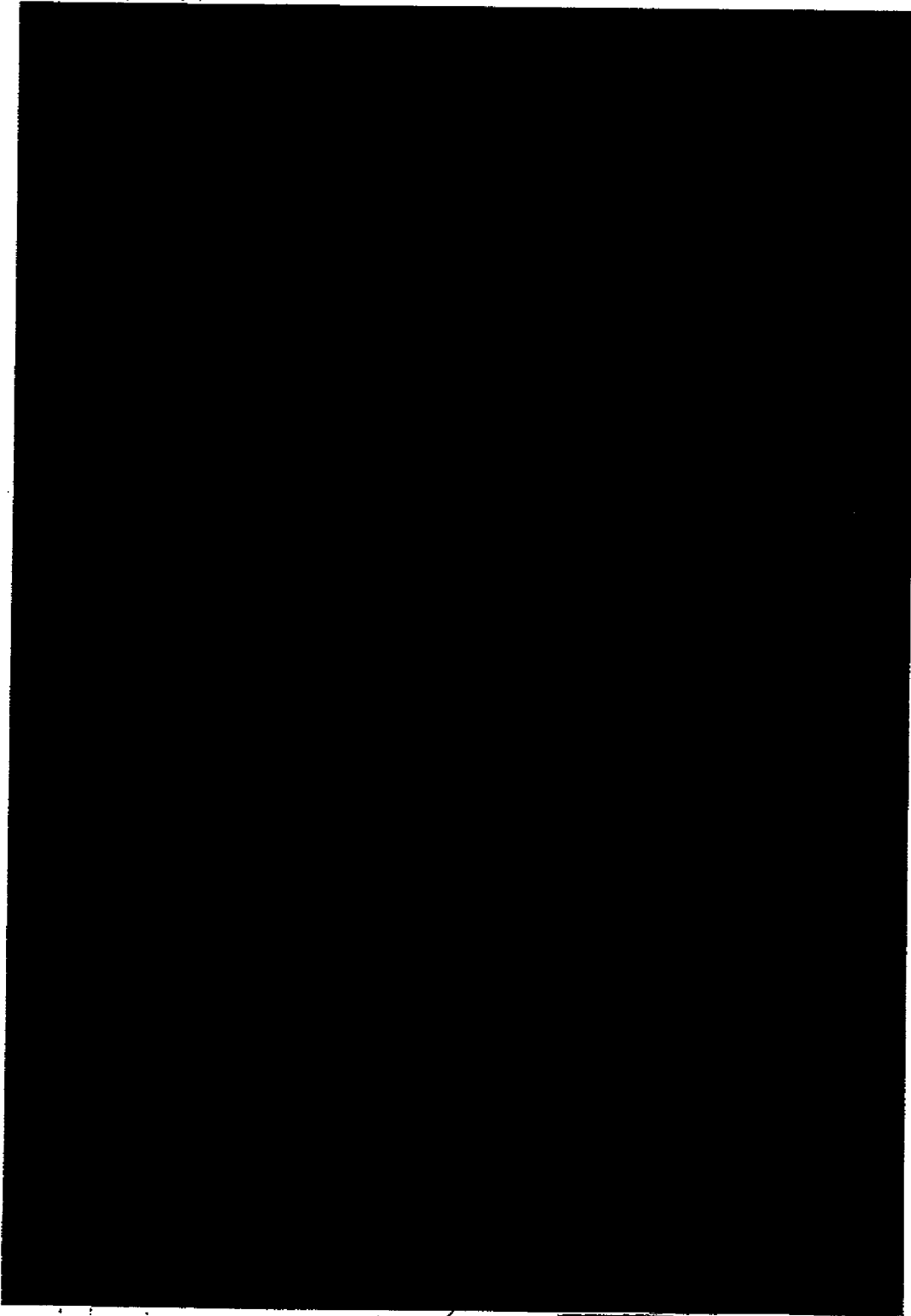
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